

2010 GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR – OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT RULES

Gallatin County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, to settle and decide all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, connected with or incidental to **The Gallatin County Fair**, also to amend or add to these rules as may seem advisable to the Fair Board.

GENERAL RULES

1. **SOLICITING OUTSIDE OF ASSIGNED SPACE:** Walk around solicitation is allowed only by those individuals or groups who have rented commercial exhibit space and may be done provided no soliciting is conducted in or near exhibits of like or similar products or no congestion is caused in the aisles. Violation of this rule may cause exhibit to be closed and forfeiture of all fees paid. Should the seller not be a commercial exhibitor he/she will be charged the fee for commercial exhibit space.
2. **FINAL DECISIONS:** The judge's decision shall be final in all departments and events except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion may not be discovered and/or proven at the time of judging. In such cases the Fair Board will make the decision.
3. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$25 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the case of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to Fair Manager within six (6) hours after the cause of protest.
4. **CAMPING:** Exhibitors camping overnight on the Fairgrounds, during the Gallatin County Fair, will pay a reduced fee for camping. Fees are to be paid at the Fairgrounds Office or to Fairgrounds Staff. A camping receipt will be issued upon payment of fees. This receipt must be displayed at the campsite.
5. **4-H/FFA ENTRIES:** Entry in the 4-H/FFA Division is limited to youth 19 and under and who have not yet graduated from High School or who have graduated the spring before the current Fair. Those participating must be currently enrolled in either Gallatin County 4-H or a Gallatin County FFA Chapter. Participants must comply with rules as stated in the Competitors' Handbook.
6. **PROXY PURCHASES:** Should someone wish to purchase an item or animal placed on sale during the Fair, but is unable to attend the sale, a Proxy Form may be completed authorizing another individual to buy in the name of the absentee buyer. To complete each form, the absentee buyer must designate the person they are assigning their purchasing rights to. Both the absentee buyer and the designated buyer must sign the form and have their signatures notarized. The absentee buyer must also include the top price he is willing to pay for each item or animal (this information will be kept confidential). The completed form must be returned to the Fair Office or to the Sale Clerk before a Buyer's Number will be issued. These forms will be available in the Fair Office.
7. **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL:** The consumption of alcohol is limited to designated areas on the grounds where these beverages are sold. Lessees serving alcoholic beverages are responsible for ensuring that individuals with alcoholic beverages are not allowed to leave these areas. Alcohol is prohibited anywhere else on the grounds and in the parking lots except in campsites. No glass containers may be used.
8. **WEAPONS:** The carrying or possession of a weapon in or on the Gallatin County Fairgrounds during the County Fair is prohibited unless authorized by the Fair Board. Carrying or possessing toys resembling weapons is also prohibited during the County Fair.

Exhibit Rules

1. All entries competing for prizes shall be the property of the Exhibitor.
2. The Fair Board shall establish entry fees each year. The entry fees for the current year shall appear in the Competitors' Handbook for the current year.
3. All exhibits entered in competition are subject to all rules and regulations for the Gallatin County Fair. Specific rules for each department shall be listed under the department heading in the Competitors' Entry Guide or event rules sheet. All exhibits within a department shall be subject to the specific rules of that class.

4. Should any individual enter an animal or exhibit in a name other than that of the bona fide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete and stall, pen and/or entry fees will be forfeited.
5. All persons attached to a concession, commercial exhibitor or free space must purchase admission tickets as directed by Fair Management.
6. If any exhibitor attempts to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act or otherwise, he or she will be banned from the competition and will forfeit all prizes awarded them.
7. Any exhibit or animal that has been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Manager or Event Coordinator, be transferred to the proper department before judging. If such departments have been judged, they shall not be re-judged.
8. Any exhibit removed before official deadline without permission of the Manager or Event Coordinator, disqualifies that exhibitor for any prizes and may disqualify that contestant's future showing privileges.
9. No person other than those in the Fairgrounds Organization shall be allowed to see entries or have access to the entry books until the entries have been closed.
10. The Manager has the right to reject unworthy entries of any nature by refusing them exhibit space.
11. Exhibitors in departments where entry tags are used shall present their portion of the entry tag to the Event Coordinator of the department for return of their goods.
12. Unclaimed exhibits will be disposed of 10 days after the close of the event.
13. All entry tags shall be properly and prominently attached to exhibits before they are eligible to be judged. The judges are instructed to disregard entries that do not have their tags attached. This rule applies to all departments except livestock.
14. After exhibitors have been provided with exhibition space, if there are still pens, stalls, or display space available; these may be rented by owners of stock, machinery, or commercial commodities for sale purposes. Rent to be fixed by the Manager.
15. Youth Classes are listed separately in some departments. If not listed separately, Youth may use rules and classes as listed in Department's list in Open Class. Entry tags must be marked YOUTH. Youth may enter the adult classes.

Livestock And Animals

1. Fairgrounds management requires that animals be handled in a proper and ethical manner following accepted modern animal husbandry and scientific practices. In addition, adequate care, including watering, feeding, and comfort, should be appropriately provided to all animals. Any individual treating an animal in any other manner will be dismissed from the grounds.

Exhibitors, their parents, leaders, and instructors have a serious responsibility to follow animal health practices approved by the industry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Health aids and other approved products should be used with care, according to prescribed practices, only when needed, and in the correct amounts.

2. Livestock exhibitors having trucks, trailers and cars that will not be in use during the event will be required to park these in the parking area designated for this use in the West Annex of the Fairgrounds. Space is very limited and if possible, trailers should not be parked on the grounds.
3. Anyone judged to be cruel to animals will be dismissed from the grounds.
4. Livestock exhibitors may put signs up over their display on the wall or freestanding signs will be allowed, providing they do not extend into the aisle or into another exhibit. **All nails, screws, tacks, and tape must be removed at the end of the event.**

5. All animals and exhibits must stay for the full duration as scheduled unless otherwise approved by Fair Management. Any exhibitor removing his animal or exhibit early will forfeit the right to exhibit at this event the following year.
6. No electrical signs will be allowed in the barns.
7. Any animal dying on the grounds must be taken immediately to Montana State University for autopsy.
8. All bulls must be handled with a nose lead.
9. All cattle must be tied with halter and neck rope in and out of the barns.
10. The Gallatin County Fair Board recommends that all livestock and exhibits be insured against loss and public liability.
11. Livestock is allowed only in the barn and arena areas.
12. Horses are not to be ridden in the barns.
13. Horses ridden in the area of the barns are to be ridden only at a walk.
- 14. All animals entering the Fairgrounds must be in good health and condition. Any animal deemed unhealthy by the veterinarian, will be dismissed from the grounds.**
15. A brand inspection is required on all horses and cattle coming from outside Gallatin County.
16. The Fair Management reserves the right to have any animals entered in the Fair tested for drugs. Any animal found with drugs will be disqualified and premiums withheld. Any drugs being used for medical purposes must be registered with local veterinarian before show.
- 17. The owner will be asked to remove from the grounds, any animal that is deemed to be a danger to itself, other animals and/or humans.**
18. A veterinarian selected by the Fair Board shall make the final decision in all matters concerning the health of a particular animal.

<p>IN THE CASE OF DISPUTES INVOLVING EITHER THE FAIRGROUNDS OR THE FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE DECISIONS OF THE FAIR BOARD WILL BE FINAL.</p>
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